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**From:** Robert Rutan  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 7, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** neil.jacobs@noaa.gov  
**Subject:** The President, the NWS hurricane forecast and Alabama

Sir, SHAME ON YOU for throwing your Alabama NWS office under the bus. The President was completely wrong but you chose to rationalize away his moronic comments and his federal law violating redrawing of an official forecast track based on the most tenuous notion that gulf states would be affected by hurricane Dorian in extremely early forecasts. The bottom line is NOAA has become just another political joke, kissing the ring finger of a dictator. You know damn well Alabama was never at threat and when the Alabama office sent out a correction to the President's ill informed words, THEY WERE RIGHT. Pumping undue fear into people is wrong. Assuaging that fear is right. Sir, I have worked as a weather observer at a major international airport for 26 years and I have watched NOAA via the Department of Commerce toss our program aside without a care in the world about climatology. Our program is now managed by the FAA, another political organization that has tried over and over again to get rid of us, and yet, we are still here. You see sir, your ASOS is 25 year old junk and ALDARS is pure garbage. You will never be able to replace our eyes and the tower personnel will never provide a quality product. A quality product isn't something NOAA cares about judging by your support for this scientifically challenged sharpie president. Do you care? If the President says stand by him you gladly do so while dumping on those who ARE responsible. You should personally apologize to those forecasters in Alabama or resign. We cannot allow agencies responsible for safety to become a bunch of political hacks which is exactly what has now happened. Thank you for undermining the seriousness of our business. Shameful!!!

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